

Free Verse

Free verse is poetry that does not conform to regular meter or rhyme scheme. Free verse does use the traditional poetic elements of imagery, figures of speech, alliteration, assonance, onomatopoeia, and parallel structure.

DIRECTIONS: Complete the chart by writing examples from the selection of each poetic element listed.

Poetic Element	Example from Selection
Imagery—language that appeals to one or more of the five senses	
Figures of speech—words and phrases that describe one thing in terms of another, very different, thing	
Alliteration—repetition of similar consonant sounds in words close together	
Assonance—repetition of similar vowel sounds in words close together	
Onomatopoeia—use of words whose sounds imitate their meaning, such as bang and buzz	
Parallel structure—repetition of the same or similar words, phrases, clauses, or sentences	